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**e-pistle**

January 19, 2017

**Our Mission:** We seek to create a Christian community of love, acceptance, and unity in order to glorify God through worship and ministries.

**DEADLINE** for article submission is Tuesday noon to [office@stsimons-fw.org](mailto:office@stsimons-fw.org).



## 1. Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will be practicing on **Thursday nights at 7 pm**. If you read music, we would like to have a few more members. Playing bells is an enjoyable activity for those who love music. If you would like to play bells but do not read music, a beginners' class may be started. Please contact **Lynda Cast (organist)** for more information.

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## 2. Single Friends

Single Friends will meet **21 January 2017** for a Dutch treat lunch at noon at **Longhorn's on Mary Esther Blvd**. Anyone who is single or living alone is invited. Although reservations are not needed please let Mark Sheltra (862-1706) or Ceil Lacey (243-5248) if you are coming so the restaurant will know how many to prepare for.

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## 3. Outreach Meeting

An **Outreach meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m.** Items named for discussion include: Cold Night Program update, purchase of new stove for the upstairs kitchen, needs of our partner school (Elliot Point) and the Habitat Collegiate Challenge scheduled for March. Contact **Gloria Battle (855-6705)** if you have questions or wish to have additional items placed on the agenda.

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## 4. Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group will meet on **January 23, 2017 at noon in the Parish Hall** to discuss *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. Winner of several awards, the book tells the stories of the poor, oppressed, and the wrongly accused in our criminal justice system. It is also the story of those who work tirelessly to defend them. *Just Mercy* is available through Amazon. If you have questions or want more information, please call **JoAnne Connell (678-1215)**.

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## 5. January Dining Out Does Lunch!

Please join us for lunch **Friday, January 27th, 11 AM** at **THE GULF** restaurant on Okaloosa Island. If the

weather is nice we will dine outdoors. If not, we will be indoors, upstairs and it is accessible by elevator. Please RSVP to **Jan Palmgren Morris 865.1084** or [janandsophie@cox.net](mailto:janandsophie@cox.net) by January 25th.

Directions from FWB: At foot of island bridge make immediate right onto the road that passes in front of High Tide, follow under the bridge to stop light. Turn left onto Santa Rosa Blvd and at Siebert Ave (Sammys) turn left and THE GULF is in front of you.

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## 6. Montessori 5K Fun Run

Join your fellow pirates and princesses as they race to the finish to collect their treasure — the 3rd Annual Pirates and Princesses 5K and Fun Run at the



Fort Walton Beach Landing will be fun for the entire family! 100% of proceeds will benefit local education efforts!

Event includes face painting and a festive Pirate party that will be fun for all ages! Pick your team- Pirates or Princesses- and dress accordingly if you choose.

5K is a timed race with prizes for the two overall finishers (Overall Male/Overall Female) as well as Male/Female Age Group winners!

Event details and schedule:

*Packet pick-up/Late Registration occurs from 3:30 PM-6:00 PM on Thursday, February 9th in the front foyer of St. Simons Episcopal Church (28 Miracle Strip Pkwy. Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548) and Race Day at the Fort Walton Beach Landing from 7:00 AM-8:30 AM.*

**The 5K begins at 9:00 AM and the Fun Run at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 11th.**

**Registration Fee:**

**\$35 5K**

**\$20 Fun Run**

<http://www.active.com/fort-walton-beach-fl/running/distance-running-races/3rd-annual-montessori-pirates-and-princesses-5k-fun-run-2017?int>

**\*\* REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th FOR GUARANTEED T-SHIRT/T-SHIRT SIZE \*\***

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## 7. ECW February Meeting



Please make plans now to attend our February Lunch Program Meeting to take place on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Our lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and our Program – that begins at noon – will be presented by “Healing Paws for Warriors.”

This group’s mission is dedicated to providing post 9/11 combat veterans wounded from Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Military Sexual Trauma (MST) rescue-to-trained ADA certified service dogs. Please plan to come and bring a friend or spouse to hear this worthwhile program.

*There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall.*

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Westphal at [jonwestphal@cox.net](mailto:jonwestphal@cox.net).

## 8. 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Men’s Conference

The Diocesan Men's Conference will be held at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center **Mar 3-5, 2017**. The conference topic is "Peter, a Man for All Seasons." The scheduled speaker is Dr. Russell Levenson, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Houston, Texas, and author of several books about the liturgical seasons. Father Russ was previously the rector of Christ Church, Pensacola. The conference is a great opportunity for men to grow spiritually through a great program; but also for good worship, good music, good food, and great camaraderie. The goal is for at least one person from every church in the Diocese to attend. Flyers are available in the office.



## 1. We need volunteers!

We are asking for volunteers to attend the “Packing Party” on February 4, 2017 from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. We will pack our medicines to be taken to the Dominican Republic to be used by our patients in the village. We will provide lunch and need approximately 30 - 40 people.

Also, if anyone would like to donate **canes, walkers and/or light weight suitcases with rollers**, we will greatly appreciate it. Thanks!!

**For questions or more information, call Linda Vogel at (502) 797-1511.**

## 2. Floral Seminar Update

**Due to unforeseen issues we will not have the floral seminar this February 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>. At this time no date has been set, but we will keep you “in the loop”. Thank you as always for supporting the St. Simon’s Flower Guild.**

## 3. To Our St. Simon’s Family

Over the past year our daughter, Chandler Hardison, has been on the prayer list every week and praise God her health issues including a recent serious multi-transplant surgery seems to have saved her 36-year-old life. After 47 days in a hospital in Miami, she is now recovering and hopefully will soon return to a more normal life in St. Petersburg with her husband. Please know that your prayers, cards, notes and positive help have caused this miracle to happen. Many, many thanks to all. Praise God!

-Christine & Yonge Watson

## 4. Bible Study Survey

You can go to this link: <http://stsimons-fw.org/#/home/forms> on our website and take a very brief survey to indicate if you are interested in a Bible Study for early on a week day, or in the evening. Please check all possibilities that would interest you and you would be available for. Stay tuned for an announcement once the survey results are complete.

## 5. Healing Touch Card Ministry

The Healing Touch Card Ministry is an extension of the Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Simon's, coordinated by Sally Yancey. We are looking for a couple of new people who would be devoted card writers. The beauty of this ministry is, whether you live near or far from St. Simon's, you can be actively involved in caring for our parishioners, those desiring to become members and visitors to our church through the written word.

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."  
Matthew 8:7

Jesus spoke these words to a centurion of Capernaum whose servant was at home grievously tormented with a palsy.

Join our ministry and be a part of the healing of Jesus by writing to those in great need.

Our card writers are Rhoda Adams-Reiss, Arlene Murphy and Sally Yancey. Sheila Kingman and Barbara Smith are our substitute card writers. Please contact **Sally Yancey at 850-546-6259**, if you would like to join us!



## 6. Fr. Jack's Kitchen

Father Jack's kitchen needs a new team! If you would like to lead a new team or be a member of a new team, we would love to welcome you to this ministry. It involves a commitment to make and serve lunch (and clean up) one Sunday every 8 weeks. Please call **Jennifer Lee (654-5476)** or email her at [giraffecorp@cox.net](mailto:giraffecorp@cox.net) if you are interested.

Also, a reminder that every Sunday desserts are provided for Father Jack's kitchen by KISS Bakery in Destin. If you need a dessert or sweet rolls for a party (or for yourself), go by and give her your business. She is in the Target shopping center in Destin.

## 7. Wise Up!

As you walk through the atrium, you will hopefully notice that something new has been added. It's a brightly colored box marked with the words: SCHOOL SNACKS. This box serves as a collection

point for snacks being donated to our partner school, Elliot Point Elementary.

For the next few weeks, we'll be collecting individually packaged

snack items like cheese crackers, raisins and fruit roll ups. These snacks will be donated to the school to assist the many caring teachers who (from their own wallets) provide snacks to hungry students who arrive without breakfast or who simply don't come from homes where there are sufficient funds to purchase non-essentials like school snacks.

Please be generous in contributing to this Outreach effort. Be one of the big hearts reaching out to help shape these little minds.



## 8. Altar Flower Dedications

If you would like to make a dedication for Altar Flowers in the Sunday Bulletin, please fill out an Altar Flower Order Form (found in the pew, office & online) and drop it in the plate. *Please call the office if you have any questions.*

Christian Education &  
Spiritual Formation

## 1. Christian Education & Sunday School

Christian Education classes are back in full swing! These classes take place weekly through the end of May. We hope you will join us as we have something for the entire family, ages 3 through adults! The nursery will also be open during this time for children 6 weeks to 3 years old. **Contact Ansley Walker** at [educ@stsimons-fwb.org](mailto:educ@stsimons-fwb.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



## 2. Parent's Morning Out

Our Parent's Morning Out, is weekly affordable childcare at \$10 per family for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, and is open to St. Simon's families and the community on **Wednesday mornings**. Parents may drop their children off beginning at 9:00 a.m.

and pick them up by 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact **Amber Smith – Nursery Director** at **244-8621**.

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St. Simon's. For more information contact **Lexxy** at **Lexxy500kTorri@gmail.com** or at **850-833-5019**.

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## OUTReach

### 1. Supporting our Military Members

If you have someone deployed who would enjoy receiving a note, you may submit the name and address to Outreach at [office@stsimons-fwb.org](mailto:office@stsimons-fwb.org).

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### 2. Father Jack's Sock Drop

A box has been placed in the Atrium for clean socks for men, women, and children. Another Outreach that is done by St. Simon's – THANK YOU!

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### 3. Donate to St. Simon's – FREE!

Want to help St. Simon's just by shopping on Amazon? The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. This is the easy link to use to order and let St. Simon's receive a portion of the proceeds: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1052160>.

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### 1. Let Us Know

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please call **244-8621**.

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### 2. St. Simon's Counseling Center

Hurting? Or in need of someone to talk with? Everyone is welcome, call **244-8448** for an appointment with one of our two Licensed Mental Health Counselors.

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### 3. Bereavement Support Group

St. Simon's hosts a Bereavement Support Group on **Wednesdays** from **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Room. For information or to register, contact **Christopher Keown** at **862-1069**.

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### 4. Depression & Bipolar Support

The Depression & Bipolar Support Group meets every **Tuesday** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 207 at



## PARISH CALENDAR

January 20– January 28, 2017

|                               |   |                              |
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| <b>Friday – January 20</b>    |   | <b>Office Closes at Noon</b> |
| 5:30 p.m.                     | Young Adult Bible Study & Potluck         |                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                     | NAR-ANON                                  |                              |
| <b>Saturday – January 21</b>  |   |                              |
| 8:00 a.m.                     | Montessori Dance Practice                 |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                     | Flower Guild (Team 2)                     |                              |
| 5:00 p.m.                     | “Come as you are” Eucharist               |                              |
| <b>Sunday – January 22</b>    |   |                              |
| 8:00 a.m.                     | Rite I Eucharist                          |                              |
| 9:30 a.m.                     | Choir Rehearsal                           |                              |
| 9:30 a.m.                     | Christian Education & Sunday School       |                              |
| 10:30 a.m.                    | Rite II Eucharist & Children’s Church     |                              |
| 11:30 a.m.                    | Choir Rehearsal                           |                              |
| 12:00 p.m.                    | Fr. Jack’s Kitchen                        |                              |
| 5:00 p.m.                     | Youth Group                               |                              |
| 6:00 p.m.                     | GA Meeting                                |                              |
| <b>Monday – January 23</b>    |   |                              |
| 12:00 p.m.                    | Monday Book Group                         |                              |
| 1:00 p.m.                     | Knitters’ Guild Meeting                   |                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                     | AA Group                                  |                              |
| <b>Tuesday – January 24</b>   |   |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                     | Morning Prayer                            |                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                     | Bipolar Support Alliance                  |                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                     | FA Meeting                                |                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                     | Dancing Dolphins Square Dance             |                              |
| <b>Wednesday – January 25</b> |   |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                     | Parent’s Morning Out                      |                              |
| 10:30 a.m.                    | Rector’s Bible Study                      |                              |
| 11:00 a.m.                    | Bereavement Support Group                 |                              |
| 12:00 p.m.                    | Eucharist & Healing Service               |                              |
| 12:00 p.m.                    | Cursillo Reunion Group                    |                              |
| 5:00 p.m.                     | Cursillo Reunion Group                    |                              |
| 6:00 p.m.                     | Rector’s Wednesday Night Bible Study      |                              |
| <b>Thursday – January 26</b>  |   |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                     | FA Meeting                                |                              |
| 10:00 a.m.                    | Brookdale Eucharist                       |                              |
| <b>Friday – January 27</b>    |   | <b>Office Closes at Noon</b> |
| 9:00 a.m.                     | Mystics Course                            |                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                     | NAR-ANON                                  |                              |
| <b>Saturday – January 28</b>  |   |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                     | Flower Guild (Team 3)                     |                              |
| 9:00 a.m.                     | Spiritual Gifts Workshop                  |                              |
| 2:00 p.m.                     | Student Showcase (Choctaw Bay Music Club) |                              |
| 5:00 p.m.                     | “Come as you are” Eucharist               |                              |

**THE RT. REV. RUSSELL KENDRICK, BISHOP**

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